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Driver's Medicals During Pandemic - Motor Registration Division

Several physicians have reached out to inquire about the continuing need for driver's medicals during the pandemic period.

Please find below clarification of the current requirements for driver's medicals provided by the Motor Registration Division of Service NL.

Driver's Medicals still required

Due to the level of the safety risk posed by some medical conditions in relation to driving, Motor Registration Division (MRD) must review the driver's file on a case-by-case basis. This applies to:

- Cases where MRD are following a patient for a condition that may be advancing or deteriorating
- Where a doctor or the police have provided a mandatory report

Driver's Medicals that can be postponed during pandemic period

- Age-related driver's medicals can be postponed 6 months

Medical Required	Change to:
03/2020	09/2020
04/2020	10/2020
05/2020	11/2020
06/2020	12/2020

Service NL understands the position in which this puts both drivers and physicians and, wherever possible, they are applying discretion within the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators Medical Standards for Driver Fitness.

MRD Contact for Patients

Individual drivers should contact MRD's medicals section to have their file reviewed - Phone 729-0345 or 1-877-636-6867; email mrdmedicals@gov.nl.ca

MRD Contact for Physicians

Physicians who have questions are invited to contact the Registrar at 729-4517/4175; toll free 1-877-636-6867; or via email at RegistrarMRD@gov.nl.ca